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On March 13th, 2011

Hickory Creek Town Secretary Dies Suddenly

Hickory Creek suffered a tragic loss on Monday, January 31st, when Town Secretary Kelly D'Amato died suddenly. Kelly died at Medical City Dallas while awaiting surgery for a brain tumor. She was admitted to Denton Regional Hospital on Friday, January 28, before being transferred by ambulance to Medical City after the tumor was diagnosed.

Ms. D'Amato was a long time employee of Hickory Creek, and served through several administrations. "Kelly has faithfully served



the Town of Hickory Creek through four mayors and councils, and I counted her as a personal friend," said Hickory Creek Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Clark. "Our Hickory Creek family has suffered a tremendous loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family." Councilman Eric Wiser added, "We will truly miss Kelly. She was a wonderful person, a dedicated employee, and a good friend to many in Hickory Creek."

D'Amato was the longest tenured employee in Hickory Creek, and served Mayors John Malloy, Jim Clarke, Jeffrey Price and current Mayor John Smith. She was appointed town secretary in June 1997.

D'Amato graduated from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program at the University of North Texas in 2001, and obtained her recertification in 2006 and again last month. In October 2007, she became a Certified Municipal Clerk with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

The D'Amato family held a visitation at Dalton & Son Funeral Home in Lewisville, then traveled to Kelly's hometown in Oklahoma for burial. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 7 at Vimy Ridge Baptist Church in Rush Springs, OK.

D'Amato is survived by her husband, Joe D'Amato; her two daughters, Lindsay and Mandy; and her parents, Mickey and Kaye McClure. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Jana McClure; nieces Erin and Megan McClure; and nephew Michael McClure. She was preceded in death by another brother, Mickey McClure.

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Support our local Merchants- Eat, Shop and Play in Hickory Creek

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Hickory Creek officials had nothing but high praise for Ms. D'Amato. "Words just can't express what Kelly meant to me," assistant Kristi Rogers said. "She hired me and we became close personal friends through the eleven years we worked together. It's been really difficult. She was fine two weeks ago, and now she's gone. It's just surreal."

Mayor John Smith said, "It's hard to imagine Hickory Creek without Kelly D'Amato. We are stunned and deeply saddened by this loss, and we extend our deepest sympathies to her family. We will all miss her."

Mayor Smith ordered flags at town hall to half-staff last week in Kelly's honor.

Dock Repairs and Park Improvements Move Forward

During the January Town Council meeting, the Council approved Three measures put forth by the Parks and Recreation Board.



Repairs to the boat docks at Arrowhead

and Point Vista parks. The total cost repairs is \$33,845.00, of which the Economic Development Corporation will fund \$29,950.00 and Parks and Recreation will fund \$3,895.00. The Parks and Recreation did extensive research on materials and recommended all wooded materials be replaced with an environmentally friendly synthetic material called MoistureShield ™ that is guaranteed not to break, warp, or rot for 20 years. More information can be found at http://www.moistureshield.com/

Application for a trail grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife This grant, if approved, will provide for the restoration of the trailhead located in Sycamore Bend Park that connects Hickory Creek to the Elm Fork Equestrian and Hiking Trail system. This an 80/20 grant meaning Texas will reimburse Hickory Creek 80% of the total cost to refurbish the trailhead. The proposal to TPWD included installing hitching posts, retasking campsite 15 as a trail rest area, horse trailer parking, refurbishing the restroom near the trailhead, installing bulletin boards describing the trail and listing safety information, and installing Out of Service notifications. Hickory Creek will not be informed of grant approval until September 2011. If approved, construction is scheduled to start Jan-Feb of 2012.

Application for a boating access grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. A grant for a new courtesy dock and additional lighting and signage at the Sycamore Bend boat ramp was submitted in December of 2010 by Parks and Recreation Chair, Chris Garland. This 75/25 grant, approved this month by the Hickory Creek Town Council and the Texas Parks and Wildlife will provide \$73,954.50 (75%) towards a \$98,606 boat ramp enhancement project. The remainder of the cost will be paid from the Parks and Recreation budget where a substantial amount of the matching 25% is made up of revenue received from park boat ramp and day use fees.

Hickory Creek realizes the town's parks are an important asset. As such, the town council has tasked the Parks and Recreation Board with ensuring our parks stay beautiful, safe, and useful to all citizens.

Parks and Recreations Board chairman, Chris Garland resigned the chairman position in January, moving to an alternate position to remain available during the final stages of the grant approval process. Thomas Bont is the newly elected chairman of the Parks and Recreations Board.



2011 Great Texas Warrant Round Up

If You Have Unpaid Traffic Citations

PAY NOW During Compliance Period and AVOID ARREST

February 19th thru March 4th, 2011

The Police Departments of Hickory Creek, Lake Dallas and Corinth once again join forces with more than 250 agencies across Texas in this annual State Wide Warrant Round-Up campaign.

> We encourage individuals to bring all warrants into compliance immediately, in order to avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrest at home or work in front of family, friends or co-workers.

Act immediately to avoid arrest.

Hickory Creek Municipal Court 1075 Ronald Reagan Ave

940-497-2564

Lake Dallas Municipal Court

212 Main Street

940-497-2227

Corinth Municipal Court

3300 Corinth Pkwy

940-498-3236

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Hickory Creek... On The Lake News

Call 214-695-2723 or email linda@fulfer.us



Looking for the perfect gift? Give something that will be a lasting tribute for many years to come. The Town of Hickory Creek has begun construction of the Hickory Creek Veterans Memorial Park with a dedication ceremony to be held in April 2011. You now have an opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick to honor the men and women who serve and who have served, and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives. Each commemorative brick will be placed in the plaza of the Town of Hickory Creek Veterans Memorial Park becoming a permanent part of history. A keepsake certificate will be provided with each brick purchased. The price for a commemorative brick is \$100.00 each or \$75.00 each when three or more bricks are purchased. Drop off or mail completed order forms to Town of Hickory Creek, 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, Hickory Creek, TX 75065. The Mayor and Council would like to extend a special thank you to resident Tim May for his generous donation of time and expertise designing the Veterans Memorial Park.



Save The Date

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Saturday, April 2nd, 2011

Join Keep Hickory Creek Beautiful, Keep Lake Dallas Beautiful and the community volunteers of Shady Shores in our efforts to keep The Lake Cities litter free. Watch for details in the Lake Cities Sun.

Please call a KHCB volunteer at 214-695-2723 if...

You know of an area in Hickory Creek that needs to be cleaned or improved,

You or someone you know is interested in managing a Facebook site for KHCB

or

if you or your organization would like to adopt a 2 mile stretch of highway (the dirtiest and most visible part of our town).



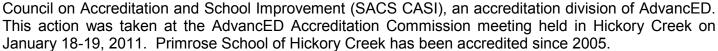




Primrose School of Hickory Creek Earns Continuing SACS CASI Accreditation

Reinforces role as nation's leader in early childhood education

On 1/20/2011 Primrose School of Hickory Creek announced that it has earned continuing accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools



SACS CASI provides nationally-recognized accreditation, the purpose of which is continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet SACS CASI's high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and implement a continuous process of school improvement. Accreditation is granted on a five-year term.

"We are very proud to receive this re-accreditation as it demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are continually focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators," stated Scott Maness franchise owner, Primrose School of Hickory Creek. "It is an honor to be accredited by the same governing body that also accredits more than 27,000 educational institutions around the world."

Primrose Schools accredited Balanced Learning® program is a proven teaching approach based on national developmental learning standards. A team of leading early childhood educators creates a purposeful curriculum at every level, from 6 weeks to 5 years old, that carefully balances social, emotional, physical, and academic learning. Primrose teachers bring this accredited program to life in their classrooms by providing opportunities for child-initiated and teacher-directed learning and play activities. The rich curriculum provides Primrose teachers with a teaching blueprint so their instruction is meaningful and purposeful. These tools also make it possible for teachers to spend more time focused on each child's individual learning experience.

"Students benefit from Primrose's accredited approach to early childhood education and our parents at Primrose Schools nationwide know that their children are receiving the very best experience," said Jo Kirchner, CEO of Primrose Schools. "We are so proud of Primrose School of Hickory Creek's commitment to providing the highest quality educational experience in their community. Their re-accreditation affirms that they are providing the right foundation for children to build active minds, healthy bodies and happy hearts."

For more information about the Primrose School of Hickory Creek and its SACS CASI accreditation, parents and interested community members can visit www.primrosehickorycreek.com.

About Primrose Schools

Founded in 1982, Primrose Schools is the nation's leader in providing consistent, accredited early childhood education and child care services in more than 200 schools in 16 states. Primrose School's foundation is based on a dedicated and passionate group of early childhood professionals providing high quality education with a balance of learning, character development and play.

Primrose School's exclusive Balanced Learning® program blends teacher-directed and child-initiated activities with a special emphasis on character development and is consistently delivered in all Primrose Schools nationwide.

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Through this approach, Primrose Schools has created a meaningful learning path, or blueprint, that enables teachers to guide children in the development of the knowledge and skills they need to move successfully from one year to the next. Primrose is the first educational preschool organization in the country to achieve the gold standard in educational accreditation (SACS CASI/NCA CASI).

For more information, visit www.primroseschools.com.

About SACS CASI and AdvancED

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) is a nongovernmental, voluntary agency that accredits nearly 13,000 public and non-public institutions throughout the world. SACS CASI serves 11 Southern states – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, as well as the countries of Mexico, Central and South America, islands of the Caribbean, and other geographic areas. SACS CASI is an accreditation division of AdvancED, parent organization for SACS CASI and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). AdvancED is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide.



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DWI 3rd or More Warrant: F-2001-0623-E Name: Hameeda Bano Noorani Sex: Female Race: Other Age: 59 DOB: 02/04/1951 Height: 5ft 2in Weight: 160 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Possession of Controlled

Name: Demetrius Anthony Dizard

Height: 5ft 10in Weight: 160 lbs

DOB: 12/24/1973

Warrant: F-2001-0312-E

Sex: Male Race: Black

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Substance PG1

Age: 37



Burglary of a Building Warrant: F-2010-2003-C Name: Charlotte Ann Young Sex: Female Race: Caucasian Age: 46 DOB: 04/12/1964 Height: 5ft 6in Weight: 115 lbs Hair: Blond Eyes: Green



MTAG / Child Endangerment / Abandonment Warrant: F-2005-1864-B Name: Quinnice D. Jackson Sex: Female Race: Black Age: 31 DOB: 08/01/1979 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



MRP / Possession of **Controlled Substance PG1** Warrant: F-98-1476-D Name: Gustavo Marin Yanez Sex: Male Race: Hispanic Age: 33 DOB: 09/02/1977 Height: 5ft 4in Weight: 120 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



MTAG / Aggravated Robbery Warrant: F-2002-0802-A Name: Brandon Wade Pryor Sex: Male Race: Black Age: 30 DOB: 07/10/1980 Height: 6ft 1in Weight: 245 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



Robbery Warrant: F-2010-2835-C Name: Sydney Wayne Edens Sex: Male Race: Black DOB: 05/27/1987 Age: 23 Height: 6ft 3in Weight: 240 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



Indecencey with a Child By Contact Warrant: F-2004-1780-E Name: Raul Frias Cervantes Sex: Male Race: Hispanic Age: 43 DOB: 04/05/1967 Height: 5ft 7in Weight: 180 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



Height: 5ft 1in Weight: 180 lbs



AggravatedSexual Assault of a Child Warrant: F-2008-0626-C Name: Clemente De Lara III Sex: Male Race: Hispanic Age: 34 DOB: 08/26/1976 Height: 4ft 10in Weight: 150 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



MTAG / Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Warrant: F-2002-1408-B Name: Haddix Yamai Aich Sex: Male Race: Other Age: 47 DOB: 10/26/1963 Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 160 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

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2011 Events

Texas Warrant Roundup - February 19th - March 4th Don't Mess With Texas, Trash Off - April 2nd Household Chemical Waste - Collection May 21st

Town Hall Meetings

Parks & Recreation Board 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Animal Welfare Board
1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council
3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustments
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development (4B) Corporation. 4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.





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